

**Respect Wildness... Practice the 7 principles of Leave No Trace skills and ethics**

- o **Plan ahead and prepare:** Plan your trip carefully. Prepare for extreme weather, hazards and emergencies. Plan for the least experienced member of your party.
- o **Travel and camp on durable surfaces:** Hike single file in the middle of the trail or side by side in areas without trails. Camp in hardened areas only, not in meadows or on vegetation.
- o **Dispose of waste properly:** Pick up all spilled foods and trash. Disperse washing and cooking wastewater 70 adult steps (200') from camps and all water sources. Leave no evidence of your stay.
- o **Leave what you find:** Leave plants, rocks, antlers and artifacts as you find them for others to enjoy.
- o **Minimize campfire impacts:** Cook with a camp stove. Simply enjoy a candle lantern or the night sky.
- o **Respect Wildlife:** Hang food and scented items 10 feet up and 4 feet out from trunk of tree. Minimize noise. Avoid lakes and streams at dawn and dusk.
- o **Be considerate of other visitors:** Respect the quality of every visitor's experience.

**EMERGENCIES:** In case of emergency, go to the nearest phone (as located on map) and call 586-1399 or 911. Please remember that patrol cabins are not routinely staffed. Climb to higher elevations to attempt cell phone use.

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**Site Location:** The sites are in a subalpine fir and spruce forest, about 100 yards north of the lake. A wood sign and red arrowheads mark the path to the sites which are marked by silver arrowheads. Pitch tent within 15' of post with silver arrowhead to limit impact on surrounding vegetation.

**Number of Sites:** 2 (Max of 2 tents at north site)      **Distance:** 4.1 mi. from Bear Lake TH  
4.8 mi. from Fern Lake TH

**Privy:** YES      **Elevation:** 10,020 ft.

**Elevation Change:** 1,865 ft. from Fern Lake TH  
1,215 ft. up, then 560 ft. drop from Bear Lake TH.

**Approx. Travel Time:** 3½ to 4 hours from Fern Lake TH  
3 to 3½ hours from Bear Lake TH.

**Water Source:** Water is best obtained from the inlet on the east side of the lake or the lake itself. Boil or adequately treat all water.

**To Reach the Trailhead (TH):** There are two THs. To hike from Bear Lake, take the Bear Lake Road south to its end at Bear Lake. The trail begins a short ways around the north side of Bear Lake. To hike from the Fern Lake TH take the Bear Lake Road 1.5 miles south and turn right onto side road. Follow signs to the Fern Lake TH, which is at the end of this side road.

